

Small Group Discussion Questions

Colleton County

What is occurring in your community which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?

- We only serve 50% of our 4 Year Old Students
- We provide after school programs at all of our elementary and middle schools
- We provide free breakfast for all students
- Summer programs have been provided at all elementary schools and 2 middle schools
- Some schools have strong volunteer programs
- The county has increased funding for our schools
- Effective parent involvement needs to be defined. We almost assess the barriers.
- Adult Education is expanding

What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?

- Business partnerships need strengthening
- Poverty
- Transportation
- Lack of neighborhood and community schools
- Not producing a local teaching force
- Learning doesn't matter
- Lack of engagement
- Children are experience deprived
- Education not valued as a means for improving economic states

List the 5 most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- We want our children to learn and succeed
- Economic Alliance
- Tell positive stories/celebrate successes

List the 5 most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- We want the best for our children so we have to do our job well despite the pay.
- Families/homes need to commit.
- District/high schools need to be committed to their employees.
- To discipline and safety at school
- Americorps grant – Clemson
- Role Models/mentors
- Arts Education
- To our teachers